

ELMER H. SHANK, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Defendant being duly sworn and examined viva voce, deposes and says as follows:-

1st. State your name age & residence?

Ans. Elmer H. Shank, 44 years; between Middletown and Myersville, I am a farmer. I live on a farm adjoining the John Leatherman farm.

2nd. In your opinion, Mr. Shank, is the John Leatherman farm advancing or depreciating in value since the death of the late John Leatherman?

Ans. Well, sir: I can't say that it is advancing or depreciating in value, I would consider it about the same as it was at that time.

3rd. What have you to say with reference to the condition of the buildings and fencing on this farm?

Ans. Well the buildings are not getting any better there have been some improvements, roofing &c, and the fencing is about normal.

4th. What would be a fair price for the farm?

Ans. I would estimate it at from \$7000. to 7500.00

Cross Examination.

1 x.Int. Does your land lay right along beside of it?

Ans. Yes sir;

2 x.Int. What is your land assessed at ?

Ans. I don't know \$45.00 I think, I think my land is worth more than this.

3 x.Int. Is not this Leatherman farm worth about \$80.00 per Acre?

Ans. No sir;

4 x.Int. You estimated it about \$7000.00?

Ans. From \$7000.00 to 7500.00.

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Ans. Nothing further.

Elmer H. Shank 10 miles.

Adjourned to Sept. 25, 1922.

MELVIN F. SHEPLEY, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Plaintiff being duly sworn and examined deposes and says;

1 Int. State your name, age, residence or occupation.

MELVIN F. SHEPLEY, age 50; Myersville, Md, Deputy Clerk in Clerk's Office.

2nd. Int. Do you know the farm which John W. Leatherman of Peter died, seized and possessed? If so, state its value in your opinion?

Ans. I know it, Knowing that the farm lays in the Famous Middletown Valley in my opinion that farm is worth between \$8000. & 9000. It has practically a new house on it, a stone barn, the land is in good state of cultivation and crops with the other farms around it.

X Examination

1 x.Int How long has it been since you have been on the farm?

Ans. Two years and I went over the farm.

2.x.Int Do you know the price paid for any other farm in that community?

Ans No sir, There has only been a small farm of about 60 acres close to it sold.

To the Gen.Int. by the Exam.

Ans. No sir;-

Melvin F. Shepley .75¢

GEORGE D. TOMS, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Plaintiff being duly sworn and examined deposes and says;-as follows;-

1st. Int. State your name, age, residence and occupation?

Ans. Geo. D. Toms, 62 years, Myersville, Md, I am one of the County Commissioners of Frederick County.